



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The First Sunday in Advent
December 1 through December 7, 2024*

Our lives in this broken world are filled with lies, deceptions, broken promises, misleading words. We both deceive and are deceived. We both lie, and are lied to. Yet there is only one whose mouth has no falsehood in it, who cannot lie, and that is God our Father and our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ. To Him we look for truth, and in Him we trust, for He fulfills all that He promises

AN ORDER FOR DAILY MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Read the Scriptures appointed for the day, review the readings from Sunday, and learn by heart the appointed verse and portion of the Small Catechism. Conclude with the Psalms, the Collect, and the prayers, using the guidelines as you see appropriate.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 1	Psalm 34:11-18	Is. 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-33
Monday, Dec. 2	Psalm 119:105-112	Is. 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Psalm 55:16-23	Is. 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
Wednesday, Dec. 4	Psalm 145:1-9	Is. 10:12-27, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
Thursday, Dec. 5	Psalm 49:5-12, 15	Is. 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22
Friday, Dec. 6	Psalm 56:1-2, 5-11, 13	Is. 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18
Saturday, Dec. 7	Psalm 25:1-7	Is. 24:1-13	1 John 1:1—2:14

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – DECEMBER 1, 2024

Theme: God speaks only truth, and keeps all His promises, though all men be liars.

Hymn: 332, “Savoir of the Nations, Come”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14–16: God reveals to Jeremiah that a king from the line of David shall come, and that He shall bring justice to the world and salvation to God’s people.

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13: St. Paul encourages the Church to give thanks always, and to live in love towards one another.

Luke 19:28–40: Our Lord, having a colt brought to Him, enters into Jerusalem to great praise.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Hebrews 13:5: “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”

THE CATECHISM: THE 9TH COMMANDMENT

(Important! If you have memorized a different translation in confirmation, it is best to pull out your old catechism and refresh your memory from those texts.)

*What is the Ninth Commandment? **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 25:1-10 (ESV)

Meditate on this Psalm every day when you pray, and use it as the starting place for your own prayer:

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 95¹:

Lord Jesus, triumphant Victor and glorious King, continue to spread Your kingdom on earth, converting the nations from the power of darkness unto Your light. Preserve Your Gospel in its truth and purity to us and to our children in all generations. Grant us to worship You in righteousness and true holiness all our days, and finally receive us into those glorious mansions that You have prepared in the house of Your Father. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH, 2007

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER – (From LSB page 294)

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

Monday: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT CHRIST:

Prayer Family: *Allen & Sabrina Goodlett* and their loved ones

Tom Cantrell, friend of the Rudsenskies, who has a broken femur

Charles Dempsey, friend of the Martins, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident

Marie Ferderer & Child, the Holowaches' daughter, who is expecting on December 9

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.